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Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.19
Yamat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.49
Fanning...Dep.	7.38	10.02	11.17	12.47	2.02	5.22	6.17	7.57
Shenzhen...Dep.	7.58	10.22	11.37	13.07	2.22	5.42	6.37	8.17
Shenzhen...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.09

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Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.19
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Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.49
Fanning...Dep.	7.38	10.02	11.17	12.47	2.02	5.22	6.17	7.57
Shenzhen...Dep.	7.58	10.22	11.37	13.07	2.22	5.42	6.37	8.17
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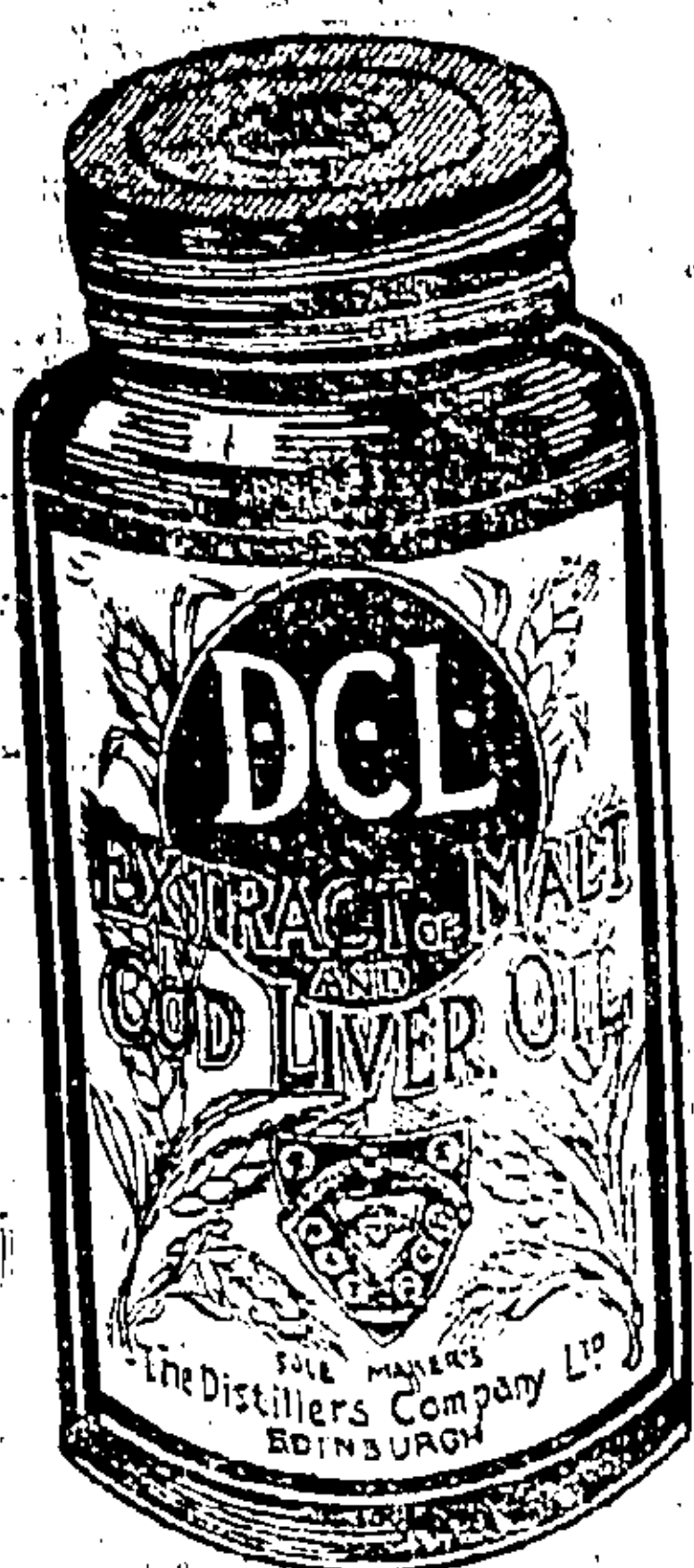
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HISTORY OF GAMES. HOW THEY HAVE DEVELOPED. ORIGIN OF LAWN TENNIS.

However ancient their origins, most of our popular games date back only to the athletic revival of the nineteenth century. As an instance take football. Not till the foundation of the Football Association in England in 1863 and the Rugby Football Union in 1871 can the two games we know to-day be said to have taken legal shape.

It is interesting to speculate how the two games came to be divided. During the seventeenth century, football declined in town and country, but it was still kept alive in the school. The form played probably depended on the nature of the playground.

At Rugby, for instance, the old form of collaring, tackling, and carrying the ball could be indulged in with impunity, for the playground was a field. At other schools, where the playground was gravelled or flagged, safety dictated that the ball should be dribbled. It seems reasonable to suppose that this simple fact dictated the division, for the revival of football in the nineteenth century was largely inspired by "old boys' football clubs."

Cricket is a game of great antiquity—though its organisation and literature are of comparatively recent date. There is reference to the playing of cricket at Guildford, in Surrey, in the sixteenth century, and among the earliest matches of which the scores have been preserved is one between Kent and All England at the Artillery Ground, Finsbury, in 1716. Organised county clubs, however, of which the first was Surrey, in 1845, were not formed till the latter half of the nineteenth century. The literature of cricket is not of ancient date. The earliest printed instructions on how to play the game are generally believed to be those of John Noyes (b. 1716) and Lambert (b. 1779).

The game which was destined to eclipse almost all others in universal popularity, lawn tennis, was not founded until 1873. Its invention was ascribed to a Major Wingfield, who is said to have based his game on a mixture of the classic (or "real") tennis and Badminton.

Major Wingfield's game, though it was the same in principle as the lawn tennis of to-day, has changed in many details. The net used was higher, 5ft. at the sides and 4ft. in the middle, as against 3ft. 6in. at the sides and 3ft. in the middle. The game was much slower, hence probably the sneers of the older generation at its "effeminacy" and the steady opposition to its introduction into the schools. When rackets became more highly strung and balls more lively, the service line brought nearer the net by 3ft., the game naturally became very much swifter.

With its swiftness increased its popularity. It has taken only fifty years for it to spread through Europe and all civilised countries, in which there can be scarcely a town or village which has not got its lawn tennis court. The championships at Wimbledon testify to this international character, which must be unique in the history of games.

Golf became the obsession of the well-to-do during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. It was then that most of the famous English courses were constructed. An old Scottish game, it was introduced to the English by a Scotchman, James H. who first introduced it to his English subjects at Blackheath, but it took a few more centuries to make it popular.

It seems that nearly all the favourite games of to-day were either revived or invented, and those that were revived were nearly all revived to some extent during the Victorian athletic renaissance. The last fifty years have seen, too, considerable changes in indoor games. The most notable example is the almost complete eclipse of whist in favour of bridge, which, in its turn, has given way to "auction." Bridge came from the East. It was at one time called Russian whist, and appears to have been introduced by English officials returning from their Eastern stations.

A CRICKET PROBLEM. THE M.C.C. AND THE OBSTRUCTION CASE.

With reference to the case of obstruction and the umpire's decision in a local cricket match in the North of England during the past season, the following further statement has been issued by the M.C.C.:

"It appears that there has been some misconception of the security of the M.C.C.'s observations on the case in the North of England where a left-handed batsman, in playing an off-ball, turned his bat to hit the ball in the manner of a right-handed batsman and the umpire gave him out for obstruction and unfair play."

"The committee of the M.C.C., to make the matter quite clear, add that there is nothing illegal of itself in the action, but there may be attendant circumstances which would justify an umpire in deciding that such an act was 'obstructive' or 'unfair.'"

EUROPEANS MURDERED IN INDIA.

Replying to Sir Frank Nelson, the Under Secretary of State for India, stated last month that, so far as his information went, the number of persons of European descent killed in British India since January, 1923, had been 13 and the number attacked, but not killed, 22. These figures included eight murders and three other outrages on and near the North-West Frontier, attacks on police or other officers in the execution of their duty, assaults or murders on trains or elsewhere with robbery as the motive, attacks on managers of tea gardens, attacks by villagers on British soldiers out shooting, as well as political offences.

CONRAD'S CARLIST DAYS. NOVELIST'S GUN-RUNNING ADVENTURE IN SPAIN.

As told by Conrad—and the writer must have heard all Conrad's stories five times and his favourite ones much more often—the Carlist adventure (says Mr. Ford Madox Ford in the *Transatlantic Review*) was as follows:

At the date of his leaving the French service the Carlist War was being desultorily waged in the North of Spain. The cause of the Carlists successfully appealed to Conrad: it was Legitimist; it was picturesque and carried on with at least some little efficiency. It offered at any rate a chance of adventure. In company with like-minded friends, then, Conrad set to work at providing rifles for the army of the Pretender. They purchased the small, fast-sailing ship—*the Tremolino*, beautiful name. And of all the craft on which Conrad sailed this was the most beloved by him. In our early days her name was seldom off his tongue and, when he mentioned her, his face lit up. Nay, it lit before he mentioned her, the smile coming, before the name to his lips.

The writer never heard, in those days, what made of ship she was. He was expected to know that: Conrad would say, "You know how the *Tremolino* used to come round." So the writer imagined her as a felucca, with high-bowed, white sails against storm-clouds and rust-coloured cliffs. She was the beautiful ship—as Turgenev was the beautiful Russian genius.

Pacing up and down Conrad would relate how they ran those rifles. The method was this: They would load the *Tremolino* at Marseilles, with oranges, bound ostensibly for Bordeaux or any up-channel port. Thus, "If any Spanish gunboat accosted us we would have a perfectly good bill of lading. Out in the Channel we would meet a British schooner, and, throwing the oranges overboard, we would load up with rifles." Those particular sentences, with the slightly unusual use of the word "would," Conrad never varied.

He would have begun his story, unemotionally, with such historic explanations as his hearers seemed to need. Then he would come to the *Tremolino* and his face would light up. This emotion would last him for a minute or two. At, as it were, the angle where Spain turns down from France in the Mediterranean, as if the *Tremolino* had set off far and was just going through the line water with her burden of oranges, he would render his voice dry to say either, "The method was this," or, "Our *modus operandi* was as follows."

And then, after taking a breath, "Out in the Channel we would then go on to explain the necessities they had when making that landfall. 'You could bring any Spanish gunboat accosted on land with a few pesetas or a bottle or two of rum.' But the officers of the gunboats that patrolled the coast were incorruptible."

"So one night the landlord of the inn omitted to show the agreed-on light. He was drunk. In the morning we saw a Spanish gunboat steaming backwards and forwards in the narrow offing. The day was a funnel, like this." We ran the *Tremolino* on a rock, set fire to her. Swam ashore and got some up-country clothes for a disguise, and got back to Marseilles as best we could. Peniless. Without a penny."

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For the first time in great Britain grand opera is to be subsidised. A director of the British National Opera Company, has confirmed the statement that the trustees of the Carnegie United Trust have definitely agreed to guarantee the Opera Company against loss in the production of a number of approved operas which could not be produced with any hope of commercial success, but which, it is felt, are of educational value.

The director, who speaks in the presence of Mr. Frederick Austin, the artistic director of the company, said "The British National Opera Company has already submitted to the Carnegie trustees a list of six such operas which they wish, in the interests of musical education, to produce, but which it would be inadvisable to produce without some protection against loss. If the trustees are unable to accept the list which has been put forward the company will make other suggestions."

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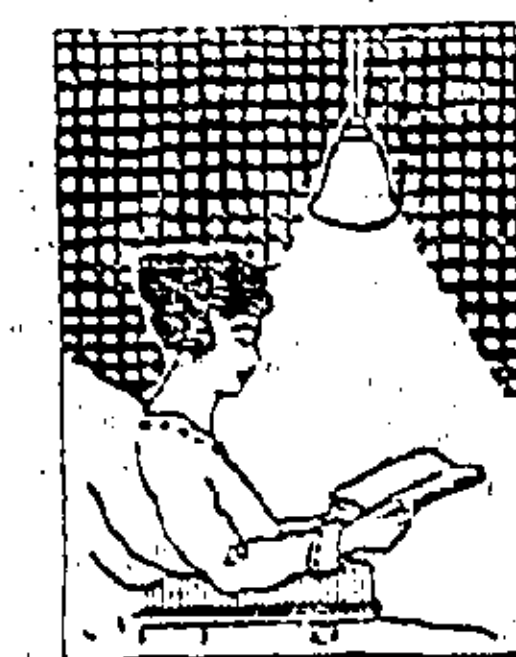
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WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Thursday, 22nd January 1925.
Since the monthly Settlement which
took place on the 20th instant the market
has been ruling much quieter and prices
show very little change.
Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai
Banks have slightly weakened and have
been sold at \$1,195/\$1,200. The London
price remains unchanged at \$139 (middle).
Marine & Fire Insurances.—Unions
have again come to business at \$260/\$262.
Yangtzes after having receded to \$40;
have buyers at \$41. China Fires are
wanted at \$180 and Underwriters at
\$23.35 Canton at \$733 and Hongkong
Fires at \$715 have not moved.
Shipping.—"Star" Ferries are a turn
higher and have been done at \$130 and
continue in request. Douglas Steamships
closed better at \$57. Tugs and Lighters
have moved up to \$41. Union Water-
boats have advanced to \$19. Hongkong
Canton and Macao Steamboats are weak
with probable sellers at \$38.
Refineries.—China Sugars, changed
hands at \$79/80, and closed with buyers
at the latter rate. Malabons continue
dull at \$41.
Oils and Mining.—Benquets have been
regotiated to a fair extent at \$2.80. Shell
Transports are required for at \$8/-
Lankate (Combined) have receded to
Tls. 31. Other stocks in this section
are unchanged.

Electric Companies.—Deals were made
in Hongkong Trams at \$53. China
Lights (Combined) have buyers at \$32 1/2
after sales at \$32 1/2. Hongkong Electric
have been placed at \$44.
Docks, Wharves & Godowns.—Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharves were booked
at \$218, but the demand has since slackened.
Hongkong and Whampoa Docks were
bought in the beginning of the
week at \$155, but the market has since
fallen away to \$151. Shanghai Docks
have been taken at Tls. 108. Hongkong
Wharves closed steady at Tls. 210. New
Engineering are obtainable at Tls. 7 1/2.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong-
kong Lands have shown an easier tendency
and have been sold at the close at \$103.
Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels (Old)
are wanted at \$18 after transactions at
\$18.30, while the New shares have fluctuated
between \$17 and \$17 1/2. Realities have
been taken at \$2.50. Humphreys Estates
continue in demand at \$22 1/2 and a sale
at \$22 1/2 is reported.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos were dealt in to
a fair extent forward on the basis of
Tls. 12 1/2, but the market has since dropped
to Tls. 12.40. Orientals at Tls. 4.20.
Shanghai Cottons (Old) at Tls. 6 1/2 and
(New) at Tls. 33 have lapsed to nominal
quotations.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements
have again changed hands in large quanti-
ties at \$29 1/2/\$28.70. China Providents
(Old) have been done at \$184 and the
New at \$8.50, while the Combined shares
are wanted at \$38 1/2. Constructions after
having appreciated to \$2 1/2 have sellers at
this rate. Watsons (New) have been
booked at the improved price of \$14 1/2.
There are buyers of Lane Crawfords at
\$19, Taxicabs at \$9.10 and Developments
at 70 cents. Dairy Farms have lapsed to
a nominal quotation of \$20 1/2.
Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London
to-day is 2/3 1/2 and on Shanghai 73 1/2.
Forward settlement Days.—21st
February (Tuesday); 24th March (Tues-
day); and 25th April (Tuesday).

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 22ND, 1925.

Hongkong and Shanghai	\$1,190 b.
China Sugars	\$175 nom.
Hongkong Fire Insurances	\$715 nom.
Union Insurances	\$260 b.
Douglas Steamships	\$57 b.
H.K. O. & M. Steamboats	\$32 1/2 nom.
"Star" Ferries	\$139 b.
Waterboats	\$19 b.
"Shell" Transports	\$20 b.
China Sugars (combined)	Tls. 22 nom.
Lankate (combined)	\$212 nom.
Kowloon Wharves	\$152 a.
Whampoa Docks	Tls. 108 nom.
Shanghai Docks	(old) \$118 b.
H.K. & S. Hotels	(new) \$117 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$103 b.
Humphreys Estates	Tls. 12.60 nom.
Evo Mills	(old) Tls. 6 1/2 nom.
Shanghai Cottons	Tls. 4.20 nom.
Orientals	Tls. 4.20 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$28 1/2 nom.
China Lights (combined)	\$22 1/2 b.
Providents	(old) \$184 b.
(new)	\$8.50 b.
Dairy Farms	\$20 1/2 nom.
Electric	\$44 b.
Hongkong Ropes (combined)	\$58 nom.
Transways	\$53 b.
Watsons	(old) \$22 1/2 nom.
(new)	\$14 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old)	\$26 a.
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USELESS CARNIVALS.

Nearly every large British seaside
and holiday resort has decided not to
revive or introduce any "carnival" in
future—the general opinion is that it
brings no permanent advantage to the
town which undertakes it. Brighton
dropped this form of attraction after a
second venture. Hastings, which in 1923
arranged a three-days' carnival pageant,
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BANKS TURNED INTO CAFES.

Although the Vienna Bourse has of
late shown remarkable improvement
after an almost endless period of de-
pression, the banks have to continue the
reduction of their staffs, and fusions be-
tween some banks of medium rank seem
to be pending in order to save several
institutions in a precarious position from
extinction. Two years ago, when in-
flation was in progress, new banking offices
sprang up like mushrooms, and many
cafes were turned into banks. At pre-
sent some banks are turned back again
into cafes!

CINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.

It was inadvertently reported that last
night was to be the final showing of "My
American Wife" at the Coronet. That
should have read on Friday night (to-
night).

Time was, not so very long ago either,
when history took a back seat in the
hearts of school children. It was pre-
sented to them by old-fashioned methods
that were nothing if not crude and
uninviting, like the boy who never liked
French—in fact, hated it all his life be-
cause the dominie would insist on the
"true Parisian accent." To-day there is
no reason why all the school children
should not simply love history, if not
as a pleasant diversion from their other
studies. They have a big help in the
cinema, which is constantly presenting
pictures full of historical allusions with
an accuracy that would have baffled the
old-fashioned dominie and with an at-
tractiveness not to be found in the cold,
dull pages of history books. An instance
of this was when "Richard the Lion-
Hearted" was screened at the Coronet,
a picture brimful of history that
should have been witnessed by every
school boy and school girl in the Colony,
as well as by every teacher. Two other
opportunities are forthcoming, however,
and both at the Coronet, the management
of which is to be commended on its enter-
prise. In "When Knighthood was in
Flower" teachers and scholars will have
a picturesque and accurate history lesson
on the reign of Henry VIII., when it is
to be hoped that every school will muster
in full force. Later "The Fighting
Blade" will be shown, telling of the
times of Oliver Cromwell. The Educa-
tion Department, it is suggested, could
do worse than give a lead to the head
masters and head mistresses to ensure
that the scholars will not miss these
educational films.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS GRADING.

Dr. C. E. Lim, of Peking, read a paper entitled "League of Nations grading of Far East."

The lecturer said that in these days of rapid transportation and movement of commodities, the control of infectious diseases, instead of being a matter of purely local significance, has become a subject of international concern. Improved means of communication has resulted in bringing cities and nations into closer touch, but this has not been without its attendant evils, as it has introduced diseases into territories in which they were formerly non-existent.

After referring to the gradual mastery of small-pox, plague and cholera and the introduction of modern methods to deal with them, Dr. Lim said: Despite what has been accomplished, the magnitude of the problem has hitherto been generally underestimated, as the fight against disease will have to be waged on a world-wide basis if there is to be any degree of success.

One of the first barriers against the introduction of disease is by quarantine, and in that connection he traced the interesting history of this precautionary measure, the first recorded attempt to enforce maritime quarantine being in Venice, in 1483, against plague. The first Quarantine Act was passed in England in 1710. In the course of time the international questions involved have necessitated special world conventions, the latest of which was held at Paris in 1912, but it is not sufficiently wide in its scope. In any case it was concerned chiefly with the West.

The need for a sanitary convention dealing with health problems in the Far East was felt most keenly by those who have anything to do with sanitation in the East. The Government of the Dutch East Indies was the first to propose an Austral-Asiatic Quarantine Conference to be held in Batavia in 1922, and the interest of the health committee of the League of Nations was then drawn to Far Eastern health problems by Dr. Miyajima, who succeeded in getting the League to dispatch a commission to the Far East to collect information regarding the incidence of epidemic diseases.

The mission was conducted by Dr. F. Norman White, C.I.E. (formerly a medical officer in the British Ministry of Health) and the survey covered all countries of the Far East, including most of the ports.

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

As a result of the survey a valuable and comprehensive report entitled "The Prevalence of Epidemic Disease and Port Health Organization and Procedure in the Far East" was presented to the health committee of the League of Nations by Dr. White.

Among the recommendations suggested are the establishment of an Epidemiological Intelligence Bureau in Singapore for the collection and dissemination of information regarding the health conditions at the principal seaports, and the calling of a sanitary convention for the countries of the Far East.

The speaker urged the necessity for these measures, and then spoke of the League's suggested grading—a first class port to be one with a qualified and adequate health staff, proper apparatus for fumigation of large vessels, at anchor, a trained staff for capture and scrutiny of rats, suitable quarantine station for deck passengers, adequate laboratory, infectious diseases hospital, safe and adequate water supply, and requisite machinery for dealing with grave diseases. A second class port will be one without the means of fumigation or quarantine station; and a third class port will be any lacking most of the above facilities.

Referring to the effect of grading on the China Coast ports, the lecturer said: "Let us consider for the present only Hongkong and Shanghai, two of our biggest ports, to see whether either of them can be ranked as a first class port in the grading of the League. Hongkong, being a British colony and under one administration can, without very much difficulty, introduce the necessary improvements to make it a first class port. It is, therefore, unnecessary to go into any details here. In the case of Shanghai it is a different proposition. It presents a problem more difficult of solution on account of its various political and administrative units."

Dealing with the Shanghai position he said that the absence of proper co-ordinated measures placed that variously administered city in the category of a third class port. However, it was imperative to have Shanghai, "the fourth biggest port in the world," graded as first class. One of the greatest drawbacks was the paucity of information on the actual health conditions of all the areas within the geographical limits of the city. The only remedy was a comprehensive international sanitary survey.

Such a survey could be conducted by representatives of the International Settlement, French Settlement, Chinese City, and Customs Port Health Authority, with assistance from a League of Nations or International Health Board representative. The difficulties to be encountered, though great, would not be insurmountable.

FURTHER ADDRESSES.

Other papers in the different sections were given by the following: Medicine: A. T. Stanton, F.M.S., H. J. Smyly (Peking), C. W. Gouge (Peking), J. Lawney, E. P. Minnett, J. Anderson, J. Morrison, C. B. Wolbach (Harvard).

Surgery: S. F. Lee (Canton), H. W. E. Wright (Tsinan), K. H. Digby. Gynecology and obstetrics: J. R. B. Branch (Changsha), F. J. Heath, M. L. James (Wuchang), J. M. Wright (Canton), L. M. Miles.

Ophthalmology: H. Howard, T. M. Li, T. F. Lee, D. V. Smith (all of Peking). Radiology: H. H. Bryan (Chafco), W. W. Cadbury, L. N. Jau, J. L. Harvey (Canton).

Public Health: Major Hingston, C. McCloy, H. A. Pau, E. P. Minnett. Parasitology: H. J. Howard, E. C. Faust, Morishita, R. A. Bolt (Peking).

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KUNG WO RESTAURANT.

LEAVE TO APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL REFUSED.

The Kung Wo Restaurant case came before the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) yesterday.

When the case first came before the Court, the landlord of seven Chinese houses at West Point claimed possession, and Mr. Justice Dyer Ball gave judgment for the tenants.

This decision was reversed by the Full Court.

Yesterday Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., applied for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in the case. After lengthy argument their Lordships dismissed the appeal.

WOOSUNG STREET FIRE.

INQUIRY OPENED AT KOWLOON COURT YESTERDAY.

The serious outbreak of fire which occurred at Woosung Street, Kowloon, on January 4th, was recalled yesterday afternoon, when Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting with a jury at Kowloon, opened an inquiry regarding it and the death of the nine victims, whose dead bodies were recovered from the burning building.

The evidence given showed that just before five o'clock on January 4th a serious fire broke out at 61, Woosung Street, the flames also enveloping Nos. 55 to 60 as well. The whole of No. 61 was completely gutted by the fire and the three upper floors of 59 and 57 and the two upper floors of 55 were also burned out. The dead bodies of five women and four men, all Chinese, were recovered.

At the inquiry yesterday, a Chinese witness identified one of the bodies and medical testimony was tendered as to the injuries which the victims of the conflagration received.

After copies of plans of the buildings concerned had been put in by a P.V.D. official, Mr. Hamilton and the jury left to pay a visit to the scene of the fire, for the purpose of inspecting the site and seeing where the nine people had met their deaths.

The inquiry was adjourned until next Thursday afternoon.

STABBING AFFAIR.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL YESTERDAY.

Chan King Chung, aged 17, who was formerly employed at the Haugtai Store, was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on a charge of murder.

On January 2nd a cook employed at the Chinese detective quarters, Central Police Station, went to the Central Market to buy provisions. He went to the Haugtai Store, and while there a dispute arose between him and one of the employees of the store over the amount of money which should be paid. Eventually the cook ran away with his purchases and it is alleged that Chan King Chung stabbed him in the back with a knife, the cook dying a few days later in hospital from his injuries.

ALLEGED MURDER.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. R. Wood remanded until next Thursday, Wong Lu, who is charged with the murder of the caretaker of a latrine in Kung Yuen Hong on October 2nd.

Wong Lu disappeared for some time after the affair happened and was only arrested two days ago by a Chinese detective in Square Street.

The trouble is alleged to have arisen through a debt of \$10, which the deceased owed to the accused man.

ARMED ROBBERS.

SUCCESSFUL RAID AT LASCAR ROW YESTERDAY.

At 2.30 yesterday afternoon, three Chinese made a successful raid at No. 58, Lower Lascar Row. Each man was armed with a revolver, which prevented the occupants of the house offering any resistance or raising an alarm. The robbers made but a short stay, but successfully secured with a quantity of money, jewellery and clothing. Up to a late hour last night no arrests had been made.

Anthropology: P. H. Stevenson, D. Black (Peking), J. L. Shellshear, H. G. Earle.

EXHIBITS AND LECTURES.

The combined exhibits which have been effectively staged in the Great Hall of the University are attracting a considerable amount of interest. They will prove well worth a visit this afternoon, when the Conference will be thrown open to the public, and opportunities afforded for inspection of the different exhibits. Short demonstrations of popular interest are also to be given.

Popular lectures are to be given to-night and on Monday and Tuesday next.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.A. MEETING.

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association was held last evening in the Board Room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., kindly lent for the occasion. Mr. J. McCubbin presiding.

The chief business of the meeting was the draw for the Shield Competitions, which resulted as follows:—

Senior.

First round to be played on February 14th:

Hongkong Club v. South China, Hongkong F.C. ground.

Hongkong Police v. East Surreys Regt., Kowloon F.C. ground.

In the semi-finals the winners of the first named match will meet Kowloon on the Hongkong Club ground and the winners of the other game will meet the R.A. at Sookunpoo.

The final is to be played on the Hongkong Club ground.

Junior.

First round to be played over the weekend, Saturday, January 24th. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:

Hongkong Club Reserves v. East Surreys, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Pernon.

East Surreys Reserves v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Moritt.

Monday, January 26th. Kick-off at 11 a.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. Moslem Club, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. E. Smith.

Other teams entered, which all receive byes in the first round, are University, South China "A" and "B" Club de Recreo, "A" and "B."

Other business before the meeting was: Application for affiliation by the Moslem Club which was approved.

Correspondence between the H.K.F.A. and Services on the Lai Wah Cup Competition relative to the division of gates.

Letter from the Secretary, Canton Hospital, asking for permission to play a charity game in Hongkong between the South China and Navy which was approved, subject to a suitable date being arranged.

Mr. J. B. Hamilton was elected a member of the Council in place of Mr. H. M. McTavish, who is going on leave.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

In addition to the Junior Shield matches the following games have been arranged in the Hongkong League for tomorrow:—

Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.
Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. Tamar, Hongkong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

R.A. v. Kowloon, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Tovey.

Division II.

Kick-off at 3 p.m.
Club de Recreo "A" v. University, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smyth.

K.F.C. v. R.A.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club in the first division match v. Royal Artillery, on the Sookunpoo ground, to-morrow, at 4 p.m.:—A. Duncan, F. Wheeler and F. Read; A. W. Turner, C. Caville, B. Pano, F. Cleme (capt.), J. McBride, C. Millard, T. L. Knight and S. G. Hayes. Reserve: B. J. Vickera.

CRICKET.

TEAMS FOR HOLIDAY MATCHES.

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow and Monday.

K.C.C. "A" v. R.E.

To-morrow, commencing at 10.30 a.m. on the K.C.C. ground.—B. Petheram (capt.), O. E. Raven, A. A. Dand, J. H. Hindle, H. F. J. Gorvin, R. P. Masters, O. Earnshaw, E. B. Ranton, J. Fraser, A. W. Ramsay and J. C. Long.

K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

On Monday, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at Causeway Bay.—H. Overly (capt.), J. C. Fletcher, F. Goodwin, J. C. Lyle, S. Jex, A. W. Ramsay, G. Lee, A. B. Raven, R. C. Wicheell, A. J. Row and E. J. Jordan.

Umpire: J. P. Robinson. Scorer: E. Hoather.

LAWN TENNIS.

The University Lawn Tennis Club will be "At Home" to the representatives of the Medical Conference, Members, and friends to-morrow, when the following will represent the University against the "Doctors" at 3.30 p.m. on the courts at Pokfulam:—Messrs. H. M. Soo (capt.) and B. H. Wong, F. A. Redmond and L. Forster and H. H. Chen and H. N. Ballhatchet.

BOXING.

THE NEXT H.B.A. TOURNAMENT.

The main event at the Hongkong Boxing Association's next tournament on January 31st at the City Hall will be a set-to between Marine Betts, of H.M.S. Hawkins, and Pte. Pooley, of the East Surreys, "over fifteen, rounds for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony and the Scott Harston Belt." The men have met twice before in six-round contests, and the Marine won on points on both occasions. Pooley is a cool fighter with a nice straight left, and should give Betts a rare tussle over the championship distance. The Marine recently won the welterweight championship of the China Squadron, and Pooley was welterweight champion of Egypt in 1921.

In a welterweight contest Ldg. Seaman Piper, of the Submarines, meets Pte. Mann, of the East Surreys. Ldg. Telegraphist Emmerson, of H.M.S. Marston, meets A. B. Turner, of H.M.S. Carlisle. Turner has just beaten Marine Fordham at Wei-hai-wei, and will be remembered as the man who defeated Jim Cartledge on points at the V.R.C. last year. Emmerson has just won the lightweight championship of the Fleet. The fight should be a pretty even one, and is likely to last the full six rounds. Another lightweight "go" will be that between Stoker Dore, of the Submarines, and Pte. Grant, of the East Surreys. The former was runner-up to Emmerson in the Fleet championships, and Grant is the featherweight champion of his Battalion.

A good contest will probably be seen between Sig. Rogers, of H.M.S. Tamar, and Corpl. Major, of the East Surreys. Rogers, who put up a good show against Warham at the last tournament, is a few pounds over the bantam limit (set at 115 lbs.), and if he manages to get down will give Major, one of the best and most popular boxers we have here, a good contest. The other bantam fight is between Marine Townsend, of H.M.S. Titania, and Roy Bowles, of the East Surreys. The Marine was runner-up in the Fleet Championship, and the Boy is a boxer full of promise. The remaining contest is a welterweight affair over six rounds between A. B. Jackson, of H.M.S. Hawkins, a newcomer, and Pte. Eaton, of the East Surreys Regt. The latter has been seen before.

NAVAL DOCKYARD CLUB BALL.

JOY NIGHT AT THE CITY HALL.

There were gay scenes last night at the City Hall, when the Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club held their annual ball. The whole suite had been engaged, and the rooms were attractively decorated with hanging of all descriptions, while the staircase and entrance was arrayed in greenery.

There were about 200 guests present, and a very jolly night was spent. An excellent programme of dances had been arranged, and the Black Cat Orchestra was engaged.

The officials of the dance were as follows: M.C.s—Messrs. A. H. Oswald, S. R. Farlow, A. J. Brook, W. J. Grantham; Ball Committee—Messrs. A. Harrison, H. Budden, F. H. Williams, E. Newham; Steward, Mr. F. W. Allen.

Among those present were Commodore and Mrs. Stirling and Miss Stirling, and Mr. Gillingham, Chief Engineer of the Dockyard.

The dance programme was as follows:—Extra Fox Trot Say it with Ukulele. Extra Waltz Nightingale. Grand March Lancers Cosmopolitan. Fox Trot

Yoo Can't Fool An Old Hoss Fly. Waltz Dreamer of Dreams. One Step Hinky Dinky Parley Voo. Fox Trot Why Did I Kiss That Girl. Waltz What'll I Do. Fox Trot Last Night On The Porch. One Step "Maggie" "Yes, Ma" "Fox Trot

When Its Night Time In Italy.

Waltz Moonlight Memories. Fox Trot Already. Boston Two Step On The Quarter Deck. Tango Waltz "Wonderful One". Fox Trot My Carlton Girl, Shanghai. One Step Savoy Scotch Medley. Fox Trot Oh! Susanna. Fox Trot

When Mother Sings "Sweet and Low." One Step The Kitties. Fox Trot It Looks Like Rain. Extra Waltz Mellow Moon.

"MASKEE!"

A venerable Chinese phrase. The wisdom of the monks conveys. To those who feel upset it says:—

"Agree. That nothing matters very much. Don't worry about such-and-such. Assume the philosophic touch—Maskee!"

When shroffs creep up and smilingly Go off with all your salary, Take on a deep serenity; Be free From weak annoyance or complaint; It may seem grievous but it ain't. Take comfort in that saying quaint: "Maskee!"

If to a carnival you go, And ask, with eagerness aglow, A maid to doff her domino

And see She's not so fair as she'd appear, Speak the sage dictum without fear: Say "Put it on again, my dear—Maskee!"

S. LILLIAN.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

INSURANCE OFFICES.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all **INSURANCE OFFICES** will be **CLOSED** for the **TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS** on **SATURDAY, 24TH JANUARY**, and **MONDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1925.**
 By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
 Secretaries,
 FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATIONS
 of Hongkong.
 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1925. [1767]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **GENERAL MEETING** of the **HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** will be held on **THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1925,** at **5.15 P.M.** in the **Ball Room** of Messrs. **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.**
 It is further **Notified** for the **Information** of Members that the **Date** of the **ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW** has been fixed for **THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1925,** and that the **Schedules** will be posted at an **Early Date.**
 The **Annual Subscription** to the **Society** is **£2.** and any **Persons** interested in **Horticulture** and desiring to become **Members** should **communicate** with the **Hon. Secretary**—**MR. E. B. C. HORNELL,** c/o Messrs. **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.**
 [1762]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of **SHAREHOLDERS** in this **COMPANY** will be held at the **Hongkong Hotel**, **Hongkong**, on **SATURDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1925,** at **11 A.M.** for the purpose of receiving the **Report** of the **Directors** together with a **Statement of Accounts** for the year ended **31st December, 1924.**
 The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the **Company** will be **CLOSED** from the **2nd FEBRUARY** to the **9th FEBRUARY** (both days inclusive), during which period **No Transfer** of **Shares** can be **Registered.**
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
 General Managers,
 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1925. [1768]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES WINDING UP.

No. 2 of 1923.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911-1921

AND IN THE MATTER OF REISS BROTHERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Creditors** of the above-named **Company**, which is being **Wound-up** by the **Court**, are required, on or before the **28th DAY** of **FEBRUARY, 1925,** to send their **Names** and **Addresses**, and the **Particulars** of their **Claims**, and the **Names** and **Addresses** of their **Solicitors**, if any, to the **Official Receiver** of the **Company**, and are also required by their **Solicitors**, or personally to come in and prove their **Claims** or **Debts** at the **Office** of the **Official Receiver**, **Supreme Court**, between the **Hours** of **10 A.M.** and **4 P.M.**, or in default thereof they will be **excluded** from the **benefit** of any **distribution** made before such **Claims** are **proved.**
JOHN FLEMING, C.A.,
 Special Manager,
 Hongkong, 21st January, 1925. [1765]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of **SHAREHOLDERS** in the **Company** will be held at the **Office** of the **Company**, No. 44, **Des Voeux Road**, on **THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1925,** at **12 O'CLOCK** Noon, for the purpose of receiving the **Report** of the **Directors** together with a **Statement of Accounts** and **Dividend** and electing **Directors** and **Auditors.**
 The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the **Company** will be **CLOSED** from **THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1925,** to **THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1925,** both days inclusive, during which period **No Transfer** of **Shares** can be **Registered.**
 By Order of the **Board of Directors**,
JOHN ARNOLD,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, 14th January, 1925. [1734]

S.S. "CHANTILLY."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of **Cargo** from **MARSEILLE, L.S., &c.** in connection with above **Steamer** are hereby informed that their **Goods** with the exception of **Opium** and **Stored** and **Valuable** are being **landed** and **stored** at their **risk** into the **Godowns** of the **Hongkong and Kowloon** and **Godown** of the **Hongkong and Kowloon**, whence **delivery** may be obtained immediately after **landing.**
 Optional **Cargo** will be forwarded on unless **Intimation** is received from the **Consignees** before **NOON, To-day, 21st inst.**, requesting it to be **landed** here.
 Bills of **Lading** will be **countered** by the **Underlying** **Goods** remaining **unclaimed** after **Wednesday, the 22nd inst.**, at **NOON**, will be **subject** to **Rent** and **Landing Charges.**
 All **Claims** must be sent in to me on or before **Friday, the 30th inst.**, or they will not be **recognized.**
 All **Damaged Packages** will be examined on **Wednesday, the 22nd inst.**, at **10.00 A.M.**, by Messrs. **Goldard & Douglas.**
 No **Fire Insurance** has been effected.
R. BODENF VER,
 Agent,
 Hongkong, 21st January, 1925. [1761]

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with **Ordinance No. 5 of 1912,** the **EXCHANGE BANKS** will be **CLOSED** for the **TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS** on **SATURDAY** and **MONDAY,** the **24th** and **25th JANUARY, 1925.**
 Hongkong, 20th January, 1925. [1751]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON **SATURDAY** and **MONDAY, 24TH** and **25TH INSTANT,** All **Departments** will be **CLOSED.**
 On These Days
 The **Dispensing Department** will be **OPEN** for **Dispensing Prescriptions** from **10 A.M. to 1 P.M.** and from **6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.**
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,
 Hongkong, 20th January, 1925. [1759]

CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

WE beg to **Announce** that our **Depot** and **Branches** will be **CLOSED** **ALL DAY** on **SATURDAY, 24th INST.**, and will be **OPEN** on **SUNDAY, 25th, and MONDAY, 26th,** as follows:—
DAIRY DEPT. 25th & 26th 8 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.
 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.
BUTCHERY DEPT. 25th & 26th 8 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.
ICE DEPOT. 25th & 26th 8 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.
 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.
THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.,
 Hongkong, 19th January, 1925. [1741]

PUBLIC DINNER

TO
H.E. MAC GENERAL SIR JOHN FOWLER,
K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

IT is proposed that a **DINNER** should be given by the **Community** in honour of **H.E. MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN FOWLER** who is shortly leaving the **Colony.**
 Gentlemen wishing to be present should **Notify** on or before **31st JANUARY**, their intention to **Colonel Robertson, Hongkong Club**, who will supply all **particulars.**
 Hongkong, 20th January, 1925. [1755]

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF CALL.

Issue of **170,000 Shares** of the **Nominal Value** of **\$10 Each.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **CALL** of **\$2.50** (Dollars Two, Centa Fifty) per **Share** has been made on **Each** of the **One Hundred and Seventy-thousand** **\$2.50** **Paid Up Shares** of this **Company**, and that such **Call** will be **Payable** to the **Company's Bankers**, **THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, HONGKONG**, on **MONDAY, the Second DAY** of **MARCH, 1925.**
 For the **Hongkong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.,**
P. C. BARRY,
 Acting Secretary,
 Hongkong, 19th January, 1925. [1753]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

LOST.

APPLICATION has been made to the **General Managers** of this **Company** to issue to **Mrs. R. DESAI** of **Hongkong**, **Thirteen Duplicate Certificates** for **One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three Shares** in this **Company**, numbered **12914/93132255** and **92977/92978-92984/1888, 92978/851** and **2917/23096, 100 Old Shares, 92921/92929 100 Old Shares, 92921/92929 100 Old Shares, 129737/12983-87 Bonus Shares, 499034/499133-100 New Shares, 45713/45715-76 New Shares, 20463/20562, 100 New Shares, 20855/20857-100 New Shares, 40874/36673-00 New Shares, 36511/36541-100 New Shares, 36511/36541-100 New Shares, 10280, 10039 11180, 11161, 11255, 11555, 11556 and 11557 dated 15th January, 1924, 21st January, 1924, 6th August 1924, 19th March, 1924, 29th July, 1924, 7th August, 1924, and 17th November, 1924, have been **Lost** or **Misplaced**, and **Notice** is hereby given that if within **Thirty Days** from the **Date** hereof **No Claim** or **Representation** in respect of such **Original Certificates** are made to the **General Managers**, they will then proceed to deal with such **application.**
 For **CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.**
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 General Managers,
 St. George's Building,
 Hongkong, 19th January, 1925. [1746]**

LLOYD TRIESTINO S.N. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "NUMIDIA."

FROM **TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, MASSAUA, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG** and **SINGAPORE.**

CONSIGNEES of **Cargo** are hereby informed that all **Goods** are being **landed** at their **risk** into the **Godowns** of the **Hongkong and Kowloon** and **Godown** of the **Hongkong and Kowloon**, whence **delivery** may be obtained immediately after **landing.**
 Optional **Cargo** will be forwarded unless **Intimation** is received from the **Consignees** before **NOON, To-day, 21st inst.**, requesting it to be **landed** here.
 Bills of **Lading** will be **countered** by the **Underlying** **Goods** remaining **unclaimed** after **Wednesday, the 22nd inst.**, at **NOON**, will be **subject** to **Rent** and **Landing Charges.**
 All **Claims** must be sent in to me on or before **Friday, the 30th inst.**, or they will not be **recognized.**
 All **Damaged Packages** will be examined on **Wednesday, the 22nd inst.**, at **10.00 A.M.**, by Messrs. **Goldard & Douglas.**
 No **Fire Insurance** has been effected.
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 20th January, 1925. [1754]

INTIMATIONS

REMOVAL NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the **REMOVAL** on **1st FEBRUARY, 1925,** of our **Office** to **Ground Floor** of **CHINA BUILDING** (Facing **QUEEN'S** **TERRACE**) and **Re-opening** of an **Up-to-date Showroom** of **Bathroom Fittings, Floor and Wall Tiles, etc.**
C. E. WARREN & CO., LTD.,
 Sanitary Engineers,
 Hongkong, 17th January, 1925. [1739]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1919) LTD. beg to **Notify** their **Consumers** that owing to **Alterations** in the **Generating Station** the **Supply** of **Electricity** will not be **available** between the **Hours** of **9 A.M.** and **5 P.M.** on **TUESDAY, the 24th JANUARY, 1925.**
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 General Managers,
 [1737]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of **SHAREHOLDERS** will be held in the **Office** of Messrs. **DODWELL & CO., LTD.** on **FRIDAY, the 30th JANUARY, 1925,** at **11 A.M.** for the purpose of receiving the **Report** of the **General Managers** together with a **Statement of Accounts** to **31st December, 1924.**
 The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the **Company** will be **CLOSED** from the **23rd** to **30th JANUARY, 1925,** both dates inclusive, during which period **No Transfer** of **Shares** can be **Registered.**
 By Order of the **Board of Directors**,
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
 General Managers,
 [1745]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of **SHAREHOLDERS** in this **Company** will be held at the **Office** of Messrs. **JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.** on **TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1925,** at **NOON**, for the purpose of receiving the **Report** of the **Directors** together with a **Statement of Accounts** for the year ending **31st December, 1924.**
 The **REGISTER** of **SHARES** of the **Company** will be **CLOSED** from **FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY, to TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1925,** both days inclusive, during which period **No Transfer** of **Shares** can be **Registered.**
 By Order of the **Board of Directors**,
L. S. GREENHILL,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, 13th January, 1925.

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 [1728]

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 [1437]

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MARRIAGE.

WALLIS-DINSDALE.—On **Thursday, January 22nd, 1925,** at his **Britannic Consulate-General**, **Canton**, and afterwards at **Christchurch, Shanghai**, **FRANK ARNOLD WALLIS**, His **Britannic Majesty's Vice-Consul** at **Canton**, eldest son of the late **Arnold Joseph Wallis**, of **Corpus Christi College, Cambridge**, and **Mrs. Arnold Wallis**, of **Dorset House, 2nd daughter** of the late **George Kay Dinsdale**, of **Yokohama, Japan**, and **Mrs. Dinsdale**, of **Hurstpierpoint, Sussex**, (China and Japan papers please copy). [1764]

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
 London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 23RD, 1925.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

The proceedings of the **Opium Conference** at **Geneva** are naturally being followed with much interest by people in this part of the world, so far as the telegraphic summaries enable them to do so. Our own Colony, of course, is particularly interested, for the **Government** **Opium** monopolies of **Hongkong** and **Singapore** are very much in the minds of the delegates. Many readers will doubtless recollect the very illuminating Report produced by a Committee which **H.E. The Governor** appointed a year ago to consider the Colony's position with regard to the obligations incurred under the **International Opium Convention, 1912.** The problem to be solved was whether under existing conditions, it is possible to suppress, either immediately or gradually, the consumption of **Opium** in **Hongkong.** Though practically one-fourth of the **Government's** revenue in **Hongkong** is derived from **Opium**, the **Committee** reported that in considering the matter they had "ignored the financial aspect of the matter." Moreover, they declared that they were "in entire accord with the principle of **Opium** suppression," and they expressed in the Report their sincere hope that it would be possible for the **League of Nations** to devise some practical means for the total abolition of **Opium**-smoking and **Opium** eating both

in **China** and through all parts of the world. It is an aspiration. But the **Committee** reported that it was "its firm conviction" that under present circumstances no reasonable measure can be devised to reduce further the consumption of **Opium** in **Hongkong.** "Present circumstances" in this connection means while there is lack of co-operation on the part of **China**. "China," the **Committee** said, "can and will grow all the **Opium** that she requires as long as the **Opium** habit is to the public taste and no really strong body of public opinion is opposed to it." We can agree with **Sir John Jordan** when he says that the **British** and **Chinese** proposals of 1907 produced "almost unparalleled results," but we hesitate very much to believe that these results can be repeated in **China** under the changed political circumstances. Popular respect for authority in **China** is no longer what it was. It is an indisputable fact that **China** is producing to-day far more **Opium** than all the rest of the world together. In these circumstances if the **Government's** **Opium** monopoly in **Hongkong** were closed down it would simply mean that the **Government** would be sacrificing an important source of revenue without getting any nearer to the achievement of the **Anti-Opium** advocates have in view. To quote again from the Report of the local **Committee**: "No **Government** placed as the **Hongkong** **Government** is can put a stop to a national habit of an alien race so long as it has not the full support of public opinion, and the confining of **Opium** to a few smokers, or total abolition, which would be preferable, would result in a flood of smuggling which it would be impossible to stem." As it is, **Opium** from **Persia** and **China** "is being poured into **Hongkong.**" The **Committee** told us that "in 1923 the **Senior Revenue Officer** alone captured 716 illicit **Opium** keepers, 3,359 illicit **Opium** smokers, 388 traffickers in illicit **Opium** and 60 boilers of illicit **Opium,**" and the **Committee** added that "with **Opium** altogether prohibited, the **Hongkong** **Government** would lose the control which it now has, smuggling would become universal, and consumption would be greatly increased." There are many weighty arguments against the **American** proposal that traffic in **Opium** should be restricted to the medicinal and scientific requirements of the world, and the foregoing facts, drawn from the experience of the **Government** monopoly in **Hongkong**, in themselves form substantial proof that the **American** proposal is entirely **Utopian** so long as there are nations in the world like **China** which cannot be relied upon to discharge the obligations of the **Covenants** to which their **Governments** subscribe.

Before the **Chief Justice** (Sir **Henry Gollan**) in the **Supreme Court** yesterday, **Mr. Elsley Zeitlyn**, on behalf of the **Chung Mei Garage**, made application for leave to file returns of allotment out of time and for relief from penalty. His **Lordship** granted the application.

A rumour was current in the **Colony** yesterday that **Dr. Sun Yat Sen** had died. We have been able to obtain no confirmation of the report, which we imagine is without foundation since no cable has reached us from **Peking** where **Dr. Sun Yat Sen** is at present staying.

Loot worth \$24,000—in jewels, cash and other property—was stolen by a gang of armed robbers from the residence of **Mr. Li Sao**, a merchant of **Shanghai**, on the 18th inst. The robbers went to the house in a motor-car. A man who is alleged to have driven the car is in custody.

A **Chinese** who was under detention at the **Autan Police Station, New Territories**, on a charge of being concerned in a recent armed robbery and of having returned from banishment, escaped by some unknown means from his cell on **Wednesday** night. Up to a late hour yesterday the man was still at liberty.

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

CARPENTERS' SHED BURNT OUT AT NAVAL DOCKYARD.

Much excitement was caused among the passengers on the 8.30 ferry from **Kowloon**, last night, when a fire in the **Naval Dockyard** was seen to blaze forth with sudden brilliance and almost as suddenly die down. The fire was caused by the burning of carpenters' matched, used as a store. The **Hongkong Fire Brigade** Headquarters received a telephone call from the **Naval Dockyard** shortly after 8.30 p.m. Three appliances were despatched and the fire was soon got under control.

Troops from the barracks nearby also turned out to render assistance.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL.

A crowded audience attended at the **Helena May Institute** yesterday evening, when another of the Institute's periodical musicals was held. An excellent and judiciously varied programme was presented, and every item was enthusiastically applauded.

While it would be invidious to make comparisons between performers who all showed so high a degree of achievement, there is no doubt that **Mrs. Aubrey's** violin-playing was greatly appreciated. **Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith** and **Mrs. Douglas Reid** each sang three songs during the course of the evening, all of which were received with well deserved rounds of applause.

Mr. L. E. Hopkins gave two baritone songs with great success, and **Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith** played two piano solos which afforded the audience much pleasure.

The full programme was as under:

- Soprano Solos
 - (a) "A Dream of Child-days" Sanderson.
 - (b) "A Song of Quietness" Hayden Wood.
- Violin Solos

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND WANTS TWENTY-SEVEN
BUNS TO WIN.

YESTERDAY'S THRILLING STRUGGLE

ADELAIDE, January 22nd.

Just after tea to-day, rain commenced to fall and continued for three-quarters of an hour, necessitating play being abandoned for the day with England having lost 8 wickets for 348.

There was a crowd of 8,000 present to watch the game, which was the cause of tremendous excitement. After thrilling fluctuations, the fortune of the game is still open.

England's pluck and tenacity is generally admired. Sutcliffe offered a stubborn defence and was batting for 3 hours and 4 minutes for 59, which included eight fours.

Whysall played a steady innings for 70, being at the wicket 2 hours and 30 minutes. He hit seven fours.

Chapman's innings was dashing and exhilarating. He hit two sixes and seven fours.

He was batting for 1 hour and 28 minutes. Kilner played carefully. Gilligan's effort was most plucky as he was hampered by his strained thigh and once fell down in making a stroke.

The Australian fielding was very keen, the catch by which Gregory dismissed Whysall being especially brilliant.

Having scored 133 towards the necessary 375 required for victory, Sutcliffe (not out 56) and Whysall (not out 22) resumed this morning. After an additional 22 runs had been scored, Sutcliffe fell a victim to Ponsford, off Mailey (4 for 155). Chapman joined Whysall, the partnership realising 39 runs before Chapman was caught by Ryder, off Kelleway (5 for 244). Ten runs later, Whysall was brilliantly caught and bowled by Gregory (6 for 254). Kilner and Tate added 23 before the latter was bowled by Mailey (7 for 279).

Gilligan then joined Kilner and the third century was passed. Twelve runs later Kilner's innings came to an end (8 for 312). Freeman and Gilligan had added 36 when rain prevented further play.

England now requires 27 runs for victory. Scores:—

AUSTRALIA.

1st Innings.

H. L. Collins, b Tate	3
A. Richardson, b Kilner	59
J. M. Gregory, b Freeman	6
J. M. Taylor, b Tate	0
M. Ponsford, c Strudwick, b Gilligan	31
V. Richardson, c Whysall, b Kilner	4
J. S. Ryder, not out	201
T. J. E. Andrews, b Kilner	72
C. Kelleway, c Strudwick, b Woolley	16
W. A. Oldfield, b.w., b Kilner	47
A. Mailey, c Strudwick, b Hendren	27
Extras	13
Total	489

FALL OF WICKETS.
1/10, 2/19, 3/22, 4/114, 5/118, 6/119, 7/253, 8/308, 9/416, 10/489.

Bowling Analysis.

Tate	43	2
Gilligan	17	1
Freeman	105	1
Woolley	137	1
Kilner	127	4
Hobbs	11	0
Whysall	0	0
Hendren	27	1

ENGLAND.

1st Innings.

W. W. Whysall, b Gregory	0
M. W. Tate, c Andrews, b Mailey	27
H. Strudwick, c Gregory, b Kelleway	5
A. P. F. Chapman, b Gregory	26
J. B. Hobbs, c Gregory, b Mailey	119
H. Sutcliffe, c Oldfield, b Ryder	33
T. J. E. Andrews, b Mailey	33
E. Hendren, c Taylor, b Gregory	92
B. Kilner, b.w., b A. Richardson	6
A. E. R. Gilligan, c Collins, b A. Richardson	9
A. P. Freeman, not out	6
Extras	21
Total	365

Bowling Analysis.

Gregory	111	3
Kelleway	24	1
Mailey	123	3
A. Richardson	42	2
Ryder	15	1
Collins	19	0

FALL OF WICKETS.
1/0, 2/12, 3/67, 4/93, 5/150, 6/180, 7/297, 8/316, 9/326, 10/205.

(Continued on next Column).

LATEST CABLES.

INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

FRENCH DEPUTY MARIN'S PLAN
FOR SETTLEMENT.

PARIS, January 22nd.

In the French Chamber to-day, Deputy Marin was unanimously cheered when he stated inter-allied debts should not be treated as commercial ones, but settled according to the principle of compensation. He added that account should be taken of all the moral, material and human losses of France and also that there was no realization in the past of guarantee of the concessions made by France at successive inter-allied conferences. He also drew attention to the fact that the Powers, which now ask France to repay the war expenditure, are those which at the Peace Conference refused to charge Germany with the war costs. M. Herriot, the Premier, thanked M. Marin and added that France has the right to evoke the memory of her wounds in order to ask all men of good heart to help her heal them. *Havas.*

EARLIER CABLES.

SOVIET AND AMERICA.

M. CHICHERIN AIRS VIEWS IN
PRESS INTERVIEW.

Moscow, January 21st.

M. Chicherin, interviewed by pressmen with regard to the retirement of Mr. Charles Hughes, alleged that the refusal by the United States to resume relations with Russia was "primarily the personal act of Mr. Hughes, who is inspired by blind hatred of the Soviet Union." He said he hoped Mr. Frank B. Kellogg's active participation in American industry would react fruitfully on his future operations, for it was imperative that the Chinese wall erected by Mr. Hughes between America and Russia should be pulled down.

Referring to reports of President Coolidge's intention to summon an international disarmament conference, M. Chicherin pointed out that its realization would be impossible without the participation of Russia.

He hoped American capital would be used to develop the resources of Soviet Russia in return for concessions. He emphasized that Russia and America were face-to-face across the Pacific Ocean, but it was impossible any longer to limit American policy to Pacific Ocean problems.

The United States could not adopt an ostrichlike policy towards a country embracing half of Europe and half of Asia.

STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE AND NEWCASTLE
ACCEPT AWARD.

MELBOURNE, January 21st.

Following the management of the Seamen's Union recommending various State branches to man ships affected by the strike, the Melbourne and Newcastle branches of the Union have accepted the award of the Arbitration Court.

CRICKET IN AFRICA.

MR. SOLLY JOEL'S TEAM AGAIN
VICTORIOUS.

WORCESTER, C.P., January 21st.

Mr. Solly Joel's eleven beat the Country Districts eleven by an innings and six runs.

The Districts compiled 113. Geary taking 6 wickets for 40.

The visitors scored 251 (Tyldesley 92 and Jameson 64). Buys taking 3 wickets for 77.

The Districts replied with 122 (Nethling 64) Geary taking 4 wickets for 41 and Kennedy 4 for 31.

AUSTRALIA.

2nd Innings.

H. L. Collins, b Freeman	26
A. Richardson, c Kilner, b Woolley	14
J. S. Ryder, c and b Woolley	89
J. M. Taylor, b Freeman	34
M. Ponsford, c Hendren, b Kilner	43
T. J. E. Andrews, c Whysall, b Kilner	1
V. Richardson, c Tate, b Woolley	2
C. Kelleway, not out	92
W. A. Oldfield, b Kilner	4
A. Mailey, c Sutcliffe, b Kilner	5
Extras	11
Total	250

Bowling Analysis.

Tate	17	0
Freeman	94	2
Kilne	61	4
Woolley	77	4

Fall of Wickets.

1/39, 2/83, 3/128, 4/215, 5/216, 6/217, 7/127, 8/220, 9/242, 10/250.
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ENGLAND.

2nd Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, c Collins, b A. Richardson	27
H. Sutcliffe, c Ponsford, b Mailey	59
F. E. Woolley, b Kelleway	21
E. Hendren, b.w., b Kelleway	4
W. W. Whysall, b Gregory	75
A. P. F. Chapman, c Ryder, b Kelleway	58
B. Kilner, c V. Richardson, b A. Richardson	24
M. W. Tate, b Mailey	29
A. E. R. Gilligan, not out	17
A. P. Freeman, not out	29
Extras	13
Total (for 8 wickets)	348

Fall of Wickets.

1/63, 2/92, 3/96, 4/155, 5/244, 6/254, 7/279, 8/312.
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OPIUM CONFERENCE.

FRENCH UNDERTAKING IN
REGARD TO ABOLITION.

GENEVA, January 21st.

At the Opium Conference discussion, M. D'Aladier (France) associated himself with Lord Cecil's pronouncement, and read a declaration by the French Government undertaking to carry out in its territory the abolition of the use of prepared opium, within certain fixed periods, completely and progressively.

Renewed hopes of a solution of the deadlock have followed the unanimous adoption of a Swedish motion for an adjournment for a discussion of the American proposals, so as to allow an effort to be made to find a compromise.

GENEVA PROTOCOL.

SUPPORT UNDER DISCUSSION BY
BRITISH CABINET.

LONDON, January 21st.

The Cabinet has discussed the Geneva Protocol.

As the proposed Empire Conference on the subject has been abandoned, the Cabinet itself will deal with the matter, consulting the Dominions telegraphically.

SUPPORT OF FRANCE.

PARIS, January 21st.

In the Chamber, during a debate on foreign affairs, replying to the Communist, M. Cachin, who asserted that the Geneva Protocol was dead, M. Herriot declared that he was unable to understand why anyone would attempt to discredit the most sincere peace effort French democracy had ever made. He added that the protocol had the people's support.

NEW ZEALAND VISITORS.

ALL BLACKS RUGBY TEAM GUESTS
AT LUNCHEON.

LONDON, January 21st.

The most representative body of British sportsmen on record gathered at a luncheon in the Piccadilly Hotel in honour of the "All Blacks" and New Zealand.

Lord Desborough presided, and the Prince of Wales was a guest. The company numbered three hundred, including a score of peers and many other distinguished persons, also the members of the English fifteen, the president of the Scottish Rugby Union, representatives of "soccer" football, the boxer Jimmy Wilde and the jockey Steve Donoghue.

The Prince of Wales toasted the "All Blacks" and presented them with a loving cup subscribed to by New Zealanders in London. He charged them to tell the people "down under" that, although the Old Country had temporarily lost the knack of winning, she did not intend to make a habit of it.

After the luncheon the "All Blacks" were photographed with the Prince of Wales, who presented them with a silver bowl, a gift from the sportsmen of Britain.

FREE GOLD MARKET.

ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN WORLD
STABILITY.

LONDON, January 21st.

Mr. F. C. Goodenough, the Chairman of Barclay's Bank, addressing the annual meeting of the bank, said the return to a free gold market in London was very important.

Indications seemed to show that a return was not far distant. A free gold market was the surest guarantee of stability in world prices and for confidence both of which were essential to good trade. It would be necessary to provide sufficient safeguards against the possibility of having to revert to restrictions on gold. There should also be some means of avoiding unduly high rates for protection of gold reserves.

The knowledge that the friendly co-operation of America was available in case of need would be helpful in considering the precise moment for reopening a free gold market in London.

END OF H.M.S. "MONARCH."

LONDON, January 21st.

The British battleship *Monarch*, one of the vessels to be scrapped under the Washington Treaty, was sunk at sea yesterday.

HOME "SOCCER."

RESULTS OF REPLAYS.

LONDON, January 21st.

In the F. A. Cup replay, the Arsenal and West Ham drew two all, after extra time.

In the first division of the English League, Liverpool beat Aston Villa by 4 goals to one.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

SIR GUILFORD MOLESWORTH.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The death is announced of Sir Guilford Molesworth, K.C.I.E., formerly Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways.

[The late Sir Guilford Lindsay Molesworth was born on May 3rd, 1853. He served his apprenticeship under Sir William Fairbairn, and purchased under Mr. Dockray, Engineer-in-Chief, London and North-Western Railway. He was employed in the Arsenal at Woolwich during the Crimean War and took up his first appointment in the East in 1859, as Mechanical Engineer on the Ceylon Railway. He retired in 1889. His publications include a large number of works on technical subjects.]

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN CHINA.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

ARMISTICE IN CHINA.

MARSHAL CHI AND TUPAN LU
DISCUSS TERMS.

SHANGHAI, January 22nd.

The *Shanghai Mercury* learns from a reliable source, that there is an armistice on the local front and terms are under discussion. Tupan Lu Yung Hsiang's delegates offer Marshal Chi Hsiang Yuan to stay the advance of the Fengtien troops at Changchow, if Chi remains at Wush.

Chi stipulates that Lu must abolish the title of Pacification Commissioner of Kiangsu and Anhwei and the Fengtien troops must return North.

Lu's overtures are explained by the fact that several days ago word was sent from the Mukden Civil Governor to Chang Chung Chang that his presence was required in his own Province and that the sending of further troops South was detrimental to Manchuria's safety.

Meanwhile Sun Chuan Fang has been transferring troops to Kiating. Eighty-six cars filled with Chekiang troops have returned to Shanghai from Wush en route to their destination. General Lu Yung Hsiang was the former Tapan of Chekiang, it will be remembered.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MARSHAL CHI HSIANG YUAN.

PEKING ISSUES MANDATE FOR HIS
ARREST.

PEKING, January 21st.

A mandate has been issued to-day, ordering the arrest of Marshal Chi Hsiang Yuan.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

MISSIONARY MEDIATION SOUGHT.

SHANGHAI, January 21st.

Lu Yung Hsiang and Han Kuo Chun are reported to have requested certain missionaries and Chinese Christian leaders of Nanking to go to Shanghai and mediate with Chi Hsiang Yuan, it is alleged, owing to Chang Chung Chang, the Fengtien Commander-in-Chief, ignoring Lu Yung Hsiang's and Han Kuo Chun's orders and usurping all authority.

SITUATION AT WUSIE.

Another day passed yesterday without reports of fighting between the armies at Wush.

Chi Hsiang Yuan appears to have employed the lull in the fighting to consolidate his position around Shanghai and Woosung.

The most important piece of news in Shanghai was that Sun Chuan Fang, Tapan of Chekiang, has gone to Kiating, on the west of Lu Yung Hsiang's right flank, in support of Chi Hsiang Yuan.

It is understood that Chi Hsiang Yuan has gone to Soochow in order to deal with the situation there.

The *China Press* correspondent at Nanking reports that Lu Yung Hsiang is in control of Changchow, and that General Chen Tiao Yuan is being sent overland to Kiating.

CHI IS AMBITIOUS.

An attempt was made by the representative of Chi Hsiang Yuan yesterday to place himself as supervisor of the Shanghai branch of the Bank of China, but the building is in the Settlement, and the attempt was not successful.

MAIL VAN ON FIRE.

Reports were received in Shanghai yesterday by the officials of the Chinese Post Office which stated that fire broke out in a mail van on the Peking-Mukden Railway on the 18th inst., and destroyed 900 sacks of mail, mostly destined to Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking.

Bags which contained printed matter and letters were in a separate van and were not damaged.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

THE PHENOMENAL FINN.

NURMI CONTINUES TO BREAK
RECORDS IN U.S.

NEWARK, N.J., January 21st.

Indoor World records for the 22 and 24 miles were broken to-day by P. Nurmi, the "phenomenal Finn."

His time was 13 minutes, 3 seconds for the 22 miles and 10 minutes, 42 seconds for the 24 miles.

BRITISH BATTLESHIPS.

DISARMAMENT VIOLATION QUERY
RAISED IN U.S. SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 22nd.

Mr. Kenneth D. McKellar, Democratic Senator from Alabama, proposed a resolution in the Senate, asking the President to order an enquiry whether Britain had violated the disarmament treaty by building the battleships *Rodney* and *Nelson*.

CHILEANS ON STRIKE.

FURTHER SERIOUS DISTURBANCE
CAUSED TO SHIPPING.

New York, January 21st.

A cable from Antofagasta, Chile, states that a strike of longshoremen has spread throughout the province, causing serious disturbance to shipping.

Most foreign vessels have been compelled to proceed to other ports.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN
PLACE OF ANTAGONISM.

REASSEMBLING OF DIET.

PEKING, January 21st.

Baron Shidehara, Foreign Minister, addressing the Diet, declared the "guiding principle of Japan's foreign policy is to safeguard and promote her own legitimate rights and interests with due respect for those of other nations; and to advance international co-operation instead of international antagonism."

PREMIER ADDRESSES DIET.

Viscount Kato, the Premier, addressing the Diet on its resumption this morning, dealt with foreign and domestic questions.

He first expressed Government's sympathy and confidence with Tapan Chi Jai's efforts to stabilize politics in China; secondly, Government's pleasure at the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese agreement for the re-establishment of a long continued friendship.

As regards domestic affairs, he declared the new armaments proposal for the reduction of the number of divisions as well as the replenishment of new arms, was necessitated by the geographical position and special conditions in Japan as well as by the need to bring the army up to the standard and strength and efficiency of the armies of other Powers.

FINANCE AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

Viscount Kato expressed the opinion that the readjustment of State expenditure, as carried out, had relieved the financial position of the country. He announced his intention to continue along the same lines in the State as well as the local budgets. With a simplification system of administration no loan policy would be followed.

During the current year, a Universal Suffrage Bill will be introduced.

He stated the Government was now investigating the question of Upper House Reform, compatible with the Constitution.

He promised an investigation looking towards readjustment of taxation as well as an increase in state aid for primary education in 1923.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

FURTHER DETAILS OF LATEST
TREATY.

MAY AFFECT BALANCE OF POWER.

PEKING, January 21st.

In connection with the Treaty of debt between Russia and Japan, the question of debt are reserved for readjustment and future negotiations.

The Japanese troops in North Saghalien will be completely withdrawn by May 5th next, the withdrawal commencing as soon as the climate permits.

The coal and oil concessions include authorisation to Japanese to prospect over an area of 1,000 square versts in which concession for exploitation of 50 per cent. will be granted.

The Soviet also grants the Japanese a concession for exploitation of the coal-field on the West coast of Saghalien. The period of the concessions ranges between 40 and 50 years.

The Soviet recognises the validity of the Portsmouth Treaty, but that does not signify that the Soviet assumes with the Tsarist Government responsibility for completion thereof.

M. Karakhan, in an annexed Note, tenders his sincere regret for the Nicholas incident of 1920.

The treaty, which is in English, will be published after ratification.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* describes the Treaty between Japan and the Soviet as an event fraught with very far-reaching political—even strategic—and economic possibilities. He adds that economically speaking the combination of Japanese enterprise, industry and science with Siberia's natural resources, promised to be formidable; and, if supplemented by a political entente, it would constitute considerable modification of the balance and influence of power in the Far East—notably in China.

(Continued on next Column).

EARLIER CABLES.

WORLD DISARMAMENT.

U.S. SENATE FAVOURS ANOTHER
CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 21st.

The terms of the resolution carried in the Senate requesting the President to call a Disarmament Conference, lays down that the conference be held at Washington, charged with the duty of securing international agreement and an effectual reduction of sea and land armaments to relieve the nations of unnecessary expenditures for the provision of armaments and the preparation of war.

SENATE IS DETERMINED.

The Senate has accepted an amendment to the Naval Appropriations Bill, requesting the President to call another Coolidge's recent intimation that the time was not ripe for such a conference.

The supporters of the administration did not oppose the motion. No light on the development is forthcoming from the White House or State Department.

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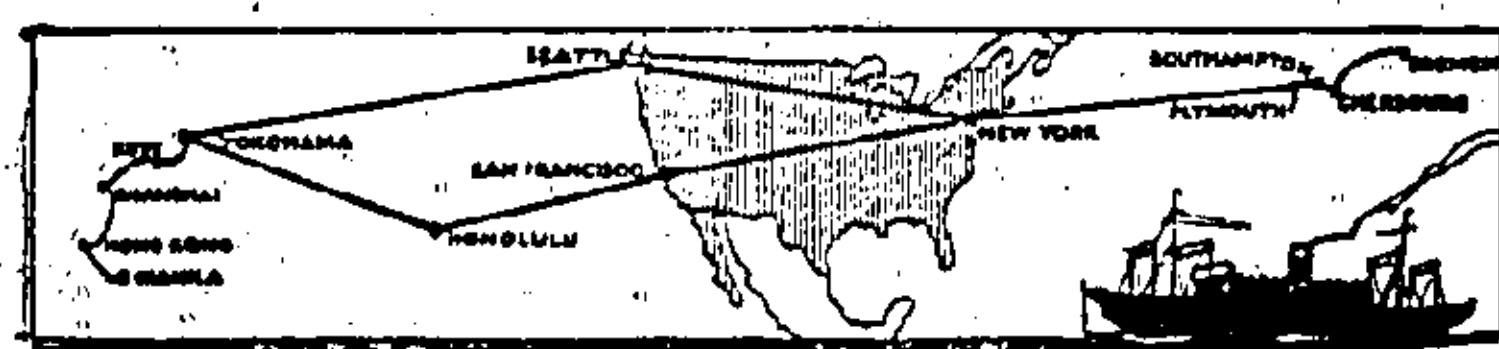
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WHAT AMERICA OWES.

"THE WAR CREDITOR" NATION FORGETS.

\$200,000,000 DUE.

IF SOUTH STATES PAID LOANS AND INTEREST.

If, and when, the American President summons, as has been suggested, an International Conference to discuss the question of Debts, he may be surprised to learn that the United States is not exclusively a creditor nation.
True, it all happened long before Mr. Coolidge's public day, but the fact remains that some of the States incurred international liabilities which they have never fulfilled.

This fact, generally unknown to all but the unfortunate individual bondholders, is pointed out by Mr. Alce H. Blair, of East Heath Road, Hampstead, who writes to a London paper as follows:

"It seems very curious that the U.S.A. should have been so anxious for this country to pay off its debt so very shortly after the war when no fewer than eight of the United States—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina—are themselves in default to a sum originally amounting to \$12,000,000."

Details of these defaulted debts, so far as they can be traced, are contained in the last annual report of the Council of the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders. There are no reliable data in respect of Alabama, but the other States in question are in default to the following approximate amounts:—

Arkansas	\$1,740,000
Florida	1,400,000
Georgia	2,510,000
Louisiana	1,400,000
Mississippi	1,200,000
North Carolina	2,520,000
South Carolina	1,200,000

These loans, largely taken up in Europe, were mainly contracted on account of railways and other public services, and do not include "Confederate Bonds" or war debts.

In most of the cases interest was at the rate of 6 per cent., and the debts have been in default for periods varying from 30 to 50 years.

Taking 60 years as an average period of default, and reckoning compound interest at 5 per cent., these eight of the United States now owe the rest of the world more than \$200,000,000.

The bearer bonds representing the defaulted debts are in the hands of people scattered all over the world, and it would be impossible to trace the proportion held by British subjects.

In any event, the striking fact remains that, while the U.S.A. is very anxious for the repayment of its own foreign loans, eight of its constituent States have not, apparently, the slightest intention of fulfilling liabilities now amounting to a fifth of our own debt to America! Responsibility for the public debts of the individual Southern States was disavowed by the Central Government in the settlement following the civil war of the sixties.

"AN ORGY OF HOMICIDE." THE HUGE MURDER ROLL OF AMERICA.

Americans (says Mr. Frederick E. Venn, in the *New York Independent*), live in an orgy, a revel, a carnival, homicide—of murder and of manslaughter. No one knows exactly how many people are murdered in the United States every year. The Bureau of the Census keeps account of the homicides that occur in the "registration area," which contains eighty-two per cent. of the population of the country. In the year 1921, there were 7,445 deaths by violence within this area, a rate of 9.178 for the entire population. Each year there are about 8.5 homicides for every hundred thousand people. In a hundred and fifty years, if we keep up the present rate, we shall have murdered about 1,500,000 human beings—more than have fallen in all the wars of the United States in the years that it has been a nation.

Chicago had 312 homicides in 1921, 331 in 1922, and 368 in 1923. It is keeping up its "murder a day" for 1924. Chicago now leads all of our cities in the number of killings. New York is a relatively gentle place; in 1921 it reported 240 homicides; in 1922, it had 337, and in 1923, only 308. But Chicago, for all its blood, is far from being the most murderous city if the death rate is considered instead of the total number of deaths. In the entire registration area in 1922, the death-rate from homicide was 8.4 for every hundred thousand inhabitants. Memphis, Tennessee, stood at the head of the list, with a homicide rate of 67.4 in 1922, and 65 in 1923. Jacksonville, Florida, was only a little behind, with a rate of 61.7 in 1923. A large negro population is always accompanied by a high rate in homicide. In the registration area, the homicide rate for whites was 5.6 in 1922, while for coloured, it stood at the startling figure of 34.7.

America is the most murderous country in the world.

AUTHORS AND INNS.

Mr. Pett Ridge's suggestion that in order to keep their names before the public, authors "should have public-houses named after themselves," has not been to any great degree anticipated, says the *Observer*. Four Shakespeare Inns are mentioned in the London Directory, besides two Shakespeare Heads; and there is a Ben Johnson Tavern in the Harrow Road which can have only one origin. But the names of the Milton Arms (Bow), the Macaulay Arms (Kensington), and the Thackeray Hotel (Bloomsbury), are not in themselves convincing, nor can one safely conclude that any of the four Goldsmith's Arms was intended as a homage to poetry (though it is true that Bethnal Green boasts a Vicar of Wakefield). One wonders how the Comus in Islington came to be so named: it seems to suggest that some builder of that district had once read Milton.

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SCIENTISTS THE WORST: BUSINESS MEN HALF WAY IN SCALE.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God." With some idea of finding out where the honest men were to be found an American magazine recently made a test on the lines of the "straw" ballot used at the last General Election.

A letter with a dollar bill enclosed was sent out to 100 men throughout the United States. The letter explained that the dollar was sent "in adjustment of the error complained of in our account." Thirty-eight replied to the letter, and 28 returned the money. Some of the results are as follows:—

	Dollar sent out.	Dollars returned.	Per cent.
Clergymen	9	68	68
Journalists	7	43	43
Teachers	12	4	33
Business men	37	10	29
Lawyers	11	1	9
Scientists	11	0	0

A writer in the *Tennesses World* commenting on the result, says: "I am gratified that journalists and teachers should be so high in the list. I can only account for the strange lapse of the scientists by attributing it to absentmindedness. Whether the experiment was really a test of honesty or not is not so simple a question as it appears to be."

ENGLISH COURTESY.

An American sends from Utica, New York, to *The Times* a few words of appreciation of the courtesy shown to strangers in London. He says:—

"I spent three happy months there the past summer and never met with so much civility in my life. No doubt, many of the questions I asked were needless and trying, but they were always pleasantly answered. In fact, many Londoners went out of their way to give assistance. Some even hopped off one omnibus, pointed out the way, and jumped on another. Naval officers, mistaken for trainmen about railway stations, were very affable, and took the matter as a joke and were much more helpful than the men whose job it was. Guards, ticket agents, omnibus conductors—the last always said 'Thank you' in a very nice way when a fare was paid—were very polite, and as for the fine-appearing, smiling constables, one became under the impression that they were there to direct traffic and to help pedestrians, but never to arrest one."

"Americans who travel—there really are polite ones at home—have many lessons to learn from English courtesy. It is very pleasant indeed to know there is so much kindness in the world as there is in its finest city."

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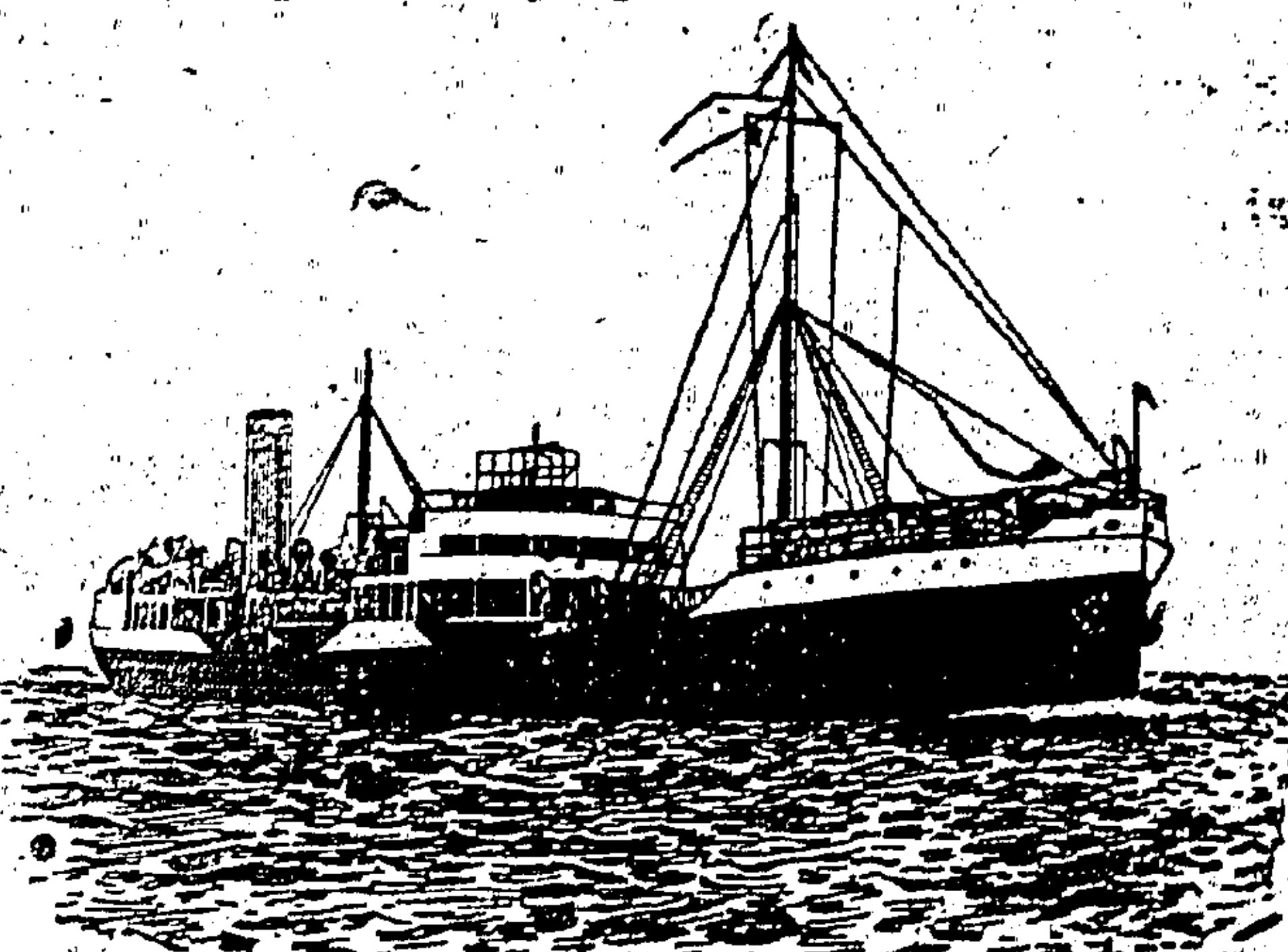


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"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	6,288	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUHAN"	6,666	31st Feb.	do.
"SILILIA"	6,812	7th Mar.	do.
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"MOREA"	10,611	1st May	do.
"TANDA"	6,288	9th May	Moji & Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,115	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	28th May	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	4th June	Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,963	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 28th Jan. Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 29th Jan. 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	On 31st Jan. Noon
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Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 20th Dec. 1924, and Parcel, 18th Dec. 1924).	Kashmir	23rd Jan.
SEANGHAI & EUROPE via Siberia (London 26th Dec. 1924).	Kalyan	23rd Jan.
JAPAN	Tysook	24th Jan.
SEANGHAI	Singapore	24th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN, SEANGHAI & LONDON via JAPAN (London, 20th Dec. 1924).	Empire of Australia	26th Jan.
SEANGHAI	Sardina	25th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SEANGHAI	Pres. Jackson	26th Jan.
SEANGHAI	Katori Maru	27th Jan.
JAPAN	Empire of Australia	27th Jan.
MANILA	Pres. Jackson	1st Feb.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SEANGHAI	Pres. Hayes	2nd Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Japan and Honolulu	Kashmir	Friday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, "Shanghai," Japan, Honolulu, "Canada," U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th Feb.	Koryu Maru	Registration 11.45 A.M. Letters 12.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES due Marseilles, 21st Feb.—Ship sails at noon, on Sat. 24th inst.	Kalyan	Parcels, Registration 5.00 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Luangchow	5.00 P.M.
Hokkaido and Haiphong	Mingyang	Sunday, 25th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Kashmir	8.30 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Chakong	9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Chinhua	9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kato Maru	9.00 A.M.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Monday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kuangchow	Tuesday, 27th, 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 25th Feb.	Sarpedon	Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (correspondence specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only).	Katori Maru	10.00 A.M.
Swatow	Hydromega Lokang	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Lokang	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 25th Feb.	Kilano Maru	Wednesday, 28th, Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Sundakan	Mausang	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Linan	10.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Ausang	1.00 P.M.
Amoy	Hosang	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Friday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, "Canada," U.S.A., "C. & S. Africa," & "EUROPE" via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco, 26th Feb.	Pres. Lincoln	Parcels 30th, Saturday, 31st, Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kanchow	10.30 A.M.
Haiphong, Saigon, "Straits," Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Ad-n. Egypt and Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 4th March—Ship sails at 4 p.m. on Sunday, the 1st February	Amboise	Reg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.

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Credit, at 4 months' sight	23 1/4
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	23 1/4
On PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,030
Credit, 4 months' sight	1,120
On NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	55 1/2
Credit, at 30 days' sight	57
On HONGKONG.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2
On CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2
On SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On YOKOHAMA.—On demand	144
On MANILA.—On demand	111
On SINGAPORE.—On demand	137
On BATAVIA.—On demand	nom.
On RAJAH.—On demand	nom.
On BANGKOK.—On demand	79 1/2
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [38]

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Hongkong, April 8th, 1924. [31]

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J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, January 22nd 1925. [30]

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Subscribed Capital	Fr. 75,000,000.00
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A. LECOT, Manager.
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"KAN TONG PO," Chief Manager.
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Hongkong, September 18th, 1921. [33]

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G. ARIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1924. [32]